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May 2009

1 Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Items, 2002 = 100

Month	CPI	Annual Rate of Inflation	
Whitehorse			
May '09	114.0	0.4%	(May '08 to May '09)
Apr '09	113.4	1.4%	(Apr '08 to Apr '09)
May '08	113.6	3.7%	(May '07 to May '08)
Canada			
May '09	114.7	0.1%	(May '08 to May '09)
Apr '09	113.9	0.4%	(Apr '08 to Apr '09)
May '08	114.6	2.2%	(May '07 to May '08)

Comparing the month of May 2009 with May 2008, the **annual** rate of inflation in Whitehorse (0.4%) was 0.3 percentage points higher than the **annual** rate of inflation in Canada (0.1%). This is the lowest rate of inflation for Whitehorse since December 2006 and the lowest rate for Canada since November 1994.

On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available) overall prices **increased 0.5%** from April to May 2009.

Major **monthly increases** were seen in the following CPI commodities:

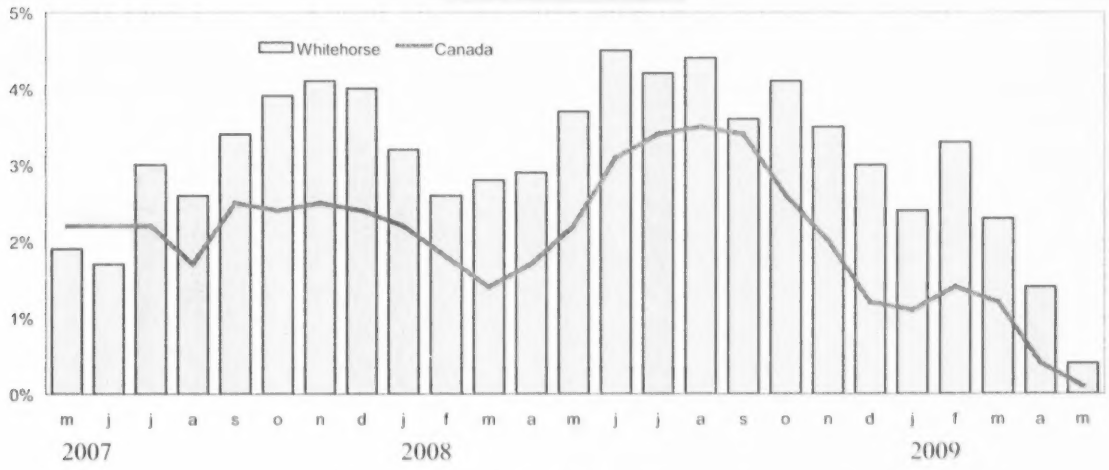
- traveller accommodation
- purchase and operation of recreational vehicles
- passenger vehicle insurance premiums

Some of the major **decreases** partially offsetting **monthly** increases were:

- recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles)
- women's clothing
- fresh vegetables

Annual increases for Whitehorse in May were in rent, mortgage interest cost and cigarettes. Offsetting some of these **annual** increases were decreases in gasoline, fuel oil and other fuels and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles.

Inflation Rate

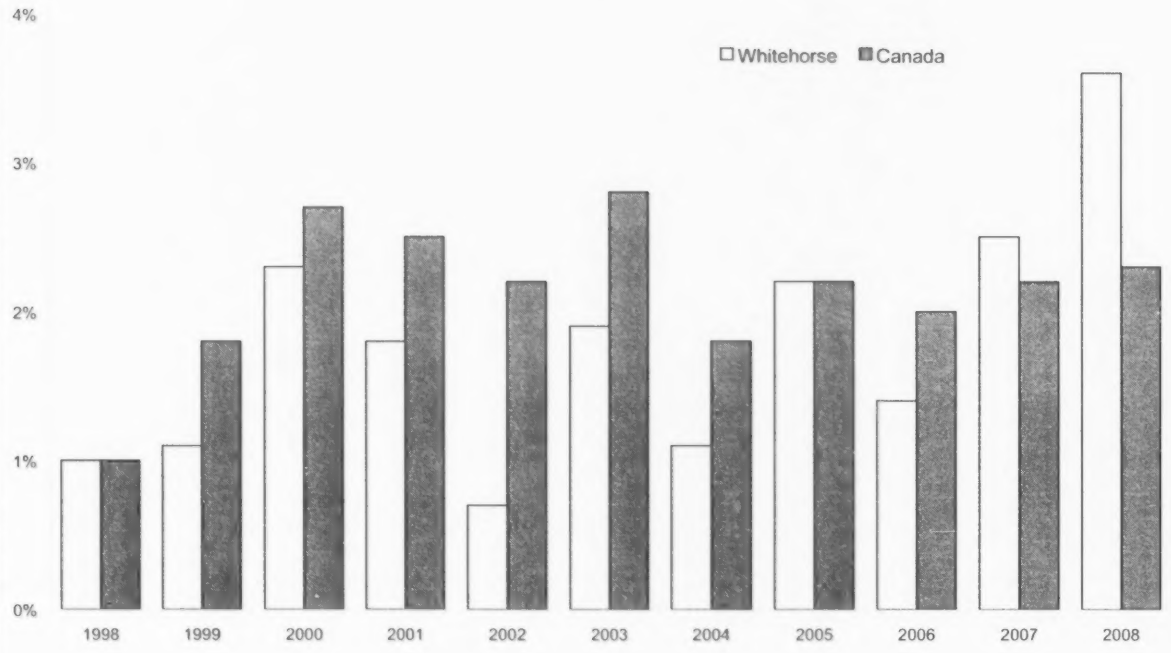


Each bar represents a month of the year, with the first letter of the month's name listed below the bar.

2 Consumer Price Index History - Annual Averages

Whitehorse (2002 = 100)			Canada (2002 = 100)		
Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year	Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year
2008	113.4	3.6	2008	114.1	2.3
2007	109.5	2.5	2007	111.5	2.2
2006	106.8	1.4	2006	109.1	2.0
2005	105.3	2.2	2005	107.0	2.2
2004	103.0	1.1	2004	104.7	1.8
2003	101.9	1.9	2003	102.8	2.8
2002	100.0	0.7	2002	100.0	2.2
2001	99.3	1.8	2001	97.8	2.5
2000	97.5	2.3	2000	95.4	2.7
1999	95.3	1.1	1999	92.9	1.8
1998	94.3	1.0	1998	91.3	1.0

3 The Annual Average Rate of Inflation in Whitehorse vs. Canada



4 Consumer Price Index — (All Items, 2002 = 100)

Index for Whitehorse 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	107.0	110.4	3.2
Feb	107.3	110.1	2.6
Mar	108.0	111.0	2.8
Apr	108.7	111.8	2.9
May	109.5	113.6	3.7
Jun	109.7	114.6	4.5
Jul	110.7	115.3	4.2
Aug	110.5	115.4	4.4
Sep	110.8	114.8	3.6
Oct	110.4	114.9	4.1
Nov	110.7	114.6	3.5
Dec	110.6	113.9	3.0
Year Average	109.5	113.4	3.6

Index for Canada 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	109.4	111.8	2.2
Feb	110.2	112.2	1.8
Mar	111.1	112.6	1.4
Apr	111.6	113.5	1.7
May	112.1	114.6	2.2
Jun	111.9	115.4	3.1
Jul	112.0	115.8	3.4
Aug	111.7	115.6	3.5
Sep	111.9	115.7	3.4
Oct	111.6	114.5	2.6
Nov	111.9	114.1	2.0
Dec	112.0	113.3	1.2
Year Average	111.5	114.1	2.3

Index for Whitehorse 2008/'09

Month	2008	2009	% Change
Jan	110.4	113.0	2.4
Feb	110.1	113.7	3.3
Mar	111.0	113.6	2.3
Apr	111.8	113.4	1.4
May	**113.6**	**114.0**	**0.4**
Jun	114.6		
Jul	115.3		
Aug	115.4		
Sep	114.8		
Oct	114.9		
Nov	114.6		
Dec	113.9		
Year Average	113.4	-	-

Index for Canada 2008/'09

Month	2008	2009	% Change
Jan	111.8	113.0	1.1
Feb	112.2	113.8	1.4
Mar	112.6	114.0	1.2
Apr	113.5	113.9	0.4
May	**114.6**	**114.7**	**0.1**
Jun	115.4		
Jul	115.8		
Aug	115.6		
Sep	115.7		
Oct	114.5		
Nov	114.1		
Dec	113.3		
Year Average	114.1	-	-

5 Consumer Price Index for Whitehorse — May 2009

	Index			% Change	
	May 2009	April 2009	May 2008	Apr. '09 to May '09	May '08 to May '09
All-Items	**114.0**	**113.4**	**113.6**	**0.5**	**0.4**
Food	116.2	116.5	110.5	-0.3	5.2
Shelter	128.0	128.2	128.2	-0.2	-0.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	104.6	103.8	101.5	0.8	3.1
Clothing & Footwear	99.2	100.5	103.0	-1.3	-3.7
Transportation	113.9	112.3	122.2	1.4	-6.8
Health & Personal Care	111.1	109.1	106.1	1.8	4.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	96.5	94.4	96.1	2.2	0.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	133.6	133.4	118.4	0.1	12.8
Special Aggregates					
Energy	124.5	124.5	164.6	0.0	-24.4
All-Items excluding Energy	112.7	112.0	108.8	0.6	3.6

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada publication The Consumer Price Index, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2002 = 100.

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